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## MISSING LINK HUNTERS ARRIVE IN COLONY

### Plan To Live In Jungle With Apes

#### AUSTRALIA 73 FOR 2

#### WICKETS FALL AFTER LUNCH FARNES PLAYING FOR ENGLAND

Adelaide, To-day.  
After being 72 for 1 at lunch, Australia lost two quick wickets for the addition of only a single in the fourth Test cricket match against England, which opened here this morning in fine weather.

There was a crowd of 25,000 present in sunny and warm weather when Allen and Bradman went out to toss, the Australian skipper not hesitating to take first use of a wicket that is expected to play easily throughout the day.

#### THE TEAMS

The following are the teams:  
Australia: — D. G. Bradman (Captain), W. A. Brown, J. H. Fingleton, S. J. McCabe, E. L. McCormick, W. J. O'Reilly, W. A. Oldfield, L. Fleetwood Smith, K. Rigg, A. G. Chipperfield and R. Gregory. Twelfth man—C. B. B. Cook.

England: — G. O. Allen (Captain), Ames, Barnett, K. Farnes, Hammond, Hardstaff, Leyland, R. W. V. Robins, Verity, Voce and R. E. S. Wyatt.

Kenneth Farnes has secured recognition for the first time on the present tour and his inclusion was prompted by the fact that Voce, although included, is suffering from a sore back near the waist. Allen has thus wisely brought in his spare fast bowler as an emergency measure.

#### FIRST WICKET DOWN

Ames and Hammond are both suffering from minor injuries which are not expected to interfere with their play and Wyatt, the Warwickshire skipper, has displaced Worthington as England's opening bat after a long period of inactivity owing to an injured hand.

Fingleton and Brown opened the Australian innings against the bowling of Voce, who was not sending them down as fast as usual, and Allen, who could not get a "kick" out of the wicket.

Playing themselves in cautiously, the pair added 26 runs before Fingleton had his wicket thrown down by Voce. He had just reached double figures.

#### BROWN DELIGHTFUL

Joined by Rigg, Brown continued to score steadily, the 50 being hoisted after 66 minutes and the pair adding 46 before lunch was taken with the score at 72 for 1. Brown was then 42 as the result of delightful shots on the leg side, while Rigg, who was batting confidently, had scored 20.

The fielding of the English team was excellent throughout the morning.

#### Scores:

##### AUSTRALIA

J. H. Fingleton, run out	10
W. A. Brown, not out	42
K. Rigg, not out	20
Extras	0
Total (for 1 wkt.)	72
Fall of wicket—1 (Fingleton) for	26
Later—72/1	

—Reuter. 1936.

## TRACING MAN'S EVOLUTION BY GIBBERING GIBBON

(By A Staff Reporter)

Seven American scientists who plan to live among the anthropoid apes in the jungles of Siam, Borneo and Sumatra for the next nine months, are now in Hong Kong, having arrived this morning in the Empress of Japan.

"The Missing Link" furnishes the clue to their ambition. They hope, by close observation of the life, habits and behaviour of the sub-human species in their natural environment to trace more of the missing links to man.

Although an unkind suggestion was made to-day that having arrived in Hong Kong, further exploration was barely necessary, Dr. Harold J. Coolidge, leader of the expedition, told a staff reporter of the "China Mail" that their chief research will be centred upon the gibbon, which is, to say the least, rare here, though it lives in clans in North Siam, which will probably become the expedition's principal base.

## VISHINSKY DEMANDS DEATH

### CLOSE OF MOSCOW PROSECUTION LENIENCY ASKED FOR TWO

#### Moscow, To-day.

Tumultuous applause rang through the courtroom as Vishinsky, the Public Prosecutor, concluded an impassioned appeal with the demand that all the seventeen accused in the mass trial be shot.

Vishinsky alleged that the aim of the accused was to parcel the Soviet Union into economic concessions to the imperialistic and Fascist countries.

This, he stated, would offer such States freedom of action in the Danube Basin, the Balkans and China.

Arguing that the exiled Leon Trotsky was chiefly responsible for the crimes of the accused, counsel for the defence pleaded that the lives of Knyazeff, a director of the Soviet Railways, and Arnold, the former Hollywood actor, be spared.

Trotsky was behind Knyazeff's crimes, he claimed, while Arnold, though ordered to carry out certain acts, failed to do so because his nerve failed him.—Reuter.

#### TRAMWAYS DIVIDEND

At the forthcoming Annual General Meeting shortly to be announced the Directors of Hong Kong Tramways Limited have provided for Depreciation, Items written-off, all other charges and transferring a sum of \$100,000 to General Reserve Account—will recommend a Final Dividend of Forty cents per share for the year.

Members of the expedition, which seeks to fill in some of the important gaps in the jigsaw reconstruction of human evolution, include Dr. W. H. Osgood, of Chicago, Dr. C. R. Carpenter, of Bard College, N.Y., and Dr. A. H. Schultz, of Baltimore.

Living evidence of man in the process of evolution among the apes is the avowed objective. They believe that apes are man's immediate ancestors and that by observing them in their normal habitats, the missing links will be found in both the physical and cultural aspects of man's development from ape to ape-man and on to man.

#### SOCIABLE AND MONOGAMOUS

The gibbons, on which attention will be concentrated, are the most manlike of all the apes, and chief importance is attached to them because recent fossil discoveries tend to single out gibbonoid stock as the possible ancestor of other anthropoids and of man himself. Credit is given to the gibbons, for instance, as being like man because he is both sociable and monogamous!

In him, it is suggested, are to be found traces of man's most firmly established social institutions, including his family and group life.

#### FIRST PROBLEM

First problem of the seven scientists, it is gathered, is to secure acceptance by the gibbons' clans as fit society with which to associate.

As soon as they do become accustomed to the presence of the expedition in their midst, the investigators will settle down with notebooks to record their habits.

Every phase of the gibbon's daily life will be studied in the light of modern psychology, sociology, morphology, physical anthropology and anatomy in an effort to determine for the first time with scientific accuracy to what extent these primates have followed the same routes of evolution as mankind and the other anthropoids, and where these routes have diverged.

Data on the gibbons, Dr. Coolidge stated, will be used for comparison with the data on the chimpanzee.—(Continued on Page 10)



The Princess Royal, who has indicated her intention of paying a visit to the Duke of Windsor in Austria shortly.

## PRINCESS ROYAL TO VISIT THE EX-KING

### Cabinet And Edward's Brothers

## DISAPPROVAL OF MEETINGS

#### Vienna, To-day.

Both the Duke of Kent and the Duke of Gloucester, younger brothers of ex-King Edward, now Duke of Windsor, have been advised by the British Cabinet that it would be undesirable for them to visit him at Enzesfeld Castle.

This is according to a Vienna paper, which says that the Duke of Kent had intended to visit his brother in Austria from the Hague following the wedding of Princess Juliana.

The Duke abandoned the project when told by Mr. Stanley Baldwin, the British Premier, that the Government did not favour visits to the former King.

Meanwhile, the Princess Royal, sister of the Duke of Windsor, is to pay a visit, says the paper. Since her visit is of a purely private nature, says the report, the British Cabinet is unable to interfere.

The Princess Royal, who is expected at Enzesfeld Castle on Feb. 7, will take part in winter sports with her brother.—Trans-Ocean.

## STOP PRESS

Pau Kan, an office boy of Mr. Eldon Potter, K. C., was admitted to-day to the G. C. H. He was suffering from injuries caused when, he stated, he was held up and stabbed at 11.30 a.m. and robbed of \$350. Inspector A. E. Carey is making enquiries.

#### TEST LATEST TEA — 163 for 4

Tokyo, To-day.  
Bowing his head before the storm of Army opposition, General Ugaki has abandoned his efforts to form a Cabinet.—Reuter.

## GALE FURY LASHES PORTUGAL

### Huge Seas And 120 m.p.h. Wind

## SWATOW'S TASTE OF THE STORM

### TOWN PLUNGED INTO DARKNESS

### LIGHTNING HITS POWER CABLE

#### Swatow, To-day.

Swatow's power station was put out of action when lightning struck the distribution system at a vital point during a terrific thunderstorm last night. The town was plunged into darkness, apart from the almost incessant play of lightning, for nearly an hour, the current being cut off at 9.30 p.m. and being resumed at 10.25 p.m.

Many small houses were wrecked by torrential rain and lightning.

A large area of Eastern Kwangtung was affected by the storm.—Union News.

## FREAKISH LOCAL STORM

Nearly an inch of rain fell in the "tropical" thunderstorm which broke over Hong Kong last night. Vivid lightning and the violence of the thunder cracks were principal features of the weather phenomena.

Practically unknown at this time of the year in Hong Kong, the storm began in the early evening, broke off and resumed in its fullest fury in the early hours of this morning.

The hills in and around echoed to the reverberations of loud and ear-splitting rolls of thunder, which were accompanied by a heavy downpour.

Enquiries from the Director of the Royal Observatory elicited the information that it was nothing more or less than an unseasonable happening.

This morning's weather forecast and report states that the anticyclone over North China is increasing in intensity, and the depression is crossing Japan. A small depression was situated near South Formosa.

Moderate to fresh weather, generally, with North-east winds, was the forecast for to-day.

## WAGNER MUSIC RECORDED

### Famous Bayreuth Festival

#### Berlin, To-day.

For the first time since the beginning of the Great War the famous Wagnerian Festival at Bayreuth has been recorded for the gramophone, the exclusive rights being granted to the Telefunken Company by Frau Winifred Wagner.

Twenty-two records have been made, ten of which have already been placed on sale, these being designed to form a unified series and to reproduce the outstanding musical moments of the Festival. The records were made by an orchestra of 1,570 performers and a chorus of 270 selected from members of opera companies all over Germany.—Trans-Ocean.

## LINER IN GRAVE PERIL: S.O.S. SIGNALS REACH HELPLESS MEN

THE LIVES OF 100 PASSENGERS ON BOARD THE BRAZILIAN LINER "SANTOS" ARE IMPERILLED AS THE LINER IS DRIFTING HELPLESSLY IN RAGING SEAS OFF THE COAST OF PORTUGAL.

The liner ran into a hurricane yesterday and was battered by the storm, said to be the most severe in sixty years, into a condition of helplessness.

Frantic S.O.S. signals were sent out yesterday but all attempts to proceed to the liner's assistance from Lisbon have met with complete failure, the mountainous seas and a wind which reached a velocity of 120 miles an hour, forcing all rescue ships back into harbour.

Shipping has been paralysed along the entire Portuguese coast. Two torpedo-boat destroyers out on manoeuvres were caught when some distance from harbour and only managed to limp into port after many hours of heartbreaking battling against the elements.

#### PORTUGAL SWEEP

The full effect of the storm was felt all over Portugal, says Trans-Ocean, but no accurate estimate of the damage done and the toll in human life can be made until reports have been received from outlying districts.

At present many of these districts are completely cut off from the outside world, the hurricane having interrupted all communications.

BRITISH WARSHIP DISABLED  
Gibraltar, To-day.  
The British destroyer, H.M.S. Beagle, which broke down with condenser trouble 150 miles west of Gibraltar on Wednesday, has arrived here. She was towed by the destroyer H.M.S. Brazen, while two other destroyers stood by.

P. AND O. BOAT SHELTERS  
The weather is improving and the gale moderating. The P. and

## SHENSI PEACE APPARENTLY SECURE

### TROOPS WITHDRAW FROM CHIHSHUI

#### Shanghai, To-day.

The withdrawal of the vanguard of the Shensi rebels from Chihshui, a town on the railway to the east of Sianfa, is considered an indication that the agreement reached on January 27 will be duly executed.

Moreover the Lungtai Railway is reported to have sent engineers from Tungchow to repair the track as far as Sianfa.

The Government generals, however, are watching the situation closely, in view of the doubt whether all sections of the rebel forces sincerely subscribe to the agreement. Doubts are especially felt over the army of General (Continued on Page 10)

O. liner Strathnaver, which sought protection east of the Rock yesterday, has sailed without discharging its cargo.—Reuter.

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# Sporting Page

## FOURTH TEST MATCH COMMENCES AT ADELAIDE TO-DAY

### LADIES' INTERPORT HOCKEY

FINAL TRIAL FOR FEBRUARY 6

YOUTH SHOULD BE SERVED

(By "STICKS")

The announcement in these columns yesterday to the effect that the Shanghai Ladies' Hockey Association team would arrive in the Colony on Thursday, February 11, was met with considerable enthusiasm in all sporting circles in the Colony and particularly by the ladies, who are to be congratulated on their efforts to continue this very interesting series.

The Shanghai decision has caused intense relief to the local Association, whose decks can now be cleared for action—the arranging of trials, the ground for the Interport, and entertainment, etc.

I understand that the final trial will not be held this week-end, which would actually be an ideal time, but on Saturday, February 6, in the early afternoon. Two teams will then be selected, a Colony side and a Rest of the Colony eleven.

Although I admit that it is rather rushing things to hold a trial next Sunday, yet the fact remains that the time at the disposal of the local Association is now limited to 13 days, which, although including to-morrow week's trial, will not give the local Interport team much time to indulge in a practice game.

#### Same Teams

The Colony team has not yet been selected—that is quite definite, but at least nine of the 11 members of the team are known. Next Saturday week's trial will probably see practically the same teams opposed to one another as on Boxing Day, when the last trial was held.

Colours on that occasion were represented by Miss F. Best, in goal, Miss E. Gray and Miss A. Fowler, as the two backs, while the intermediate line comprised Mrs. Silva, Miss J. Wong and Miss K. Glover. The forwards were Miss O. Dalziel, Miss W. Marsh, Mrs. Donald, Miss M. Smith and Miss J. Dalziel.

In this team, which can be recognised as the Probable side, I would suggest one or two changes. Miss Best displayed brilliant form against the Hong Kong Ladies last Saturday and is worthy of consideration, although Mrs. Lunsford's experience will probably turn the scales in her favour.

#### Miss L. Woolley's Claims

Miss L. Woolley, who played for the Colony against the Shanghai Ladies in the first Interport match two seasons ago, as the left-back, is a serious contender for the right-half position, which is at present filled by Mrs. Silva. The latter is a reliable half-back, but lacks power behind her shots, although a great spoiler.

Miss Woolley's strongest claims for inclusion are her powerful hitting and equally good distribution. I suggest that she be played at right-half during one of the two halves of the trial.

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#### FOOTBALL COUNCIL MEETING

A meeting of the Council of the Hong Kong Football Association will be held in the Association Office, Room No. 205, Gloucester Building, 2nd Floor, at 5 p.m. on Tuesday next.

Mr. C. Clarke, the Hon. Secretary of the Hong Kong Football Association, wishes to remind members of the Association who are interested in the League that the following are the teams that will be playing in the League on Tuesday next.

Senior League: 1. Lam Yuen-chuen, 2. Yung Sai-kwong, 3. Leung Hong-wai, 4. Chan Chak-man, 5. Poon Pong-sing, 6. Yung Sai-kwong, 7. Leung Hong-wai, 8. Chan Chak-man, 9. Poon Pong-sing, 10. Yung Sai-kwong, 11. Leung Hong-wai, 12. Chan Chak-man, 13. Poon Pong-sing, 14. Yung Sai-kwong, 15. Leung Hong-wai, 16. Chan Chak-man, 17. Poon Pong-sing, 18. Yung Sai-kwong, 19. Leung Hong-wai, 20. Chan Chak-man, 21. Poon Pong-sing, 22. Yung Sai-kwong, 23. Leung Hong-wai, 24. Chan Chak-man, 25. Poon Pong-sing, 26. Yung Sai-kwong, 27. Leung Hong-wai, 28. Chan Chak-man, 29. Poon Pong-sing, 30. Yung Sai-kwong, 31. Leung Hong-wai, 32. Chan Chak-man, 33. Poon Pong-sing, 34. Yung Sai-kwong, 35. Leung Hong-wai, 36. Chan Chak-man, 37. Poon Pong-sing, 38. Yung Sai-kwong, 39. Leung Hong-wai, 40. Chan Chak-man, 41. Poon Pong-sing, 42. Yung Sai-kwong, 43. Leung Hong-wai, 44. Chan Chak-man, 45. Poon Pong-sing, 46. Yung Sai-kwong, 47. Leung Hong-wai, 48. Chan Chak-man, 49. Poon Pong-sing, 50. Yung Sai-kwong, 51. 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### THE GOVERNOR

There remains nothing but to accept the inevitable and rejoice, in the freest spirit, with Sir Andrew Caldecott in his preference. The Secretary of State for the Colonies has replied to the Colony's appeal against the loss of its Governor in precisely the manner expected, with a stress upon the responsibilities that will rest upon His Excellency's shoulders in Ceylon that brooks of no further venture into discussion.

The Colony has paid its tribute and has done its best to serve its own interests. But it has to be recognised that the tribute of the Colonial Office was a greater one from the time when the appointment was made, and that tribute has hardly been diminished by Mr. Ormsby-Gore's reference to reasons of high public policy removing all question of reconsideration of the decision.

The situation, unhappy as it may be for Hong Kong, however reluctantly the Colony may make concession to the broader view of the Colonial Office, is perhaps best expressed by the observation that a strange paradox would arise were the Governor's unqualified success to stand in the way of his advancement.

### That Tiger

Tigers, it would seem, reverse the terms of the well-known homily, and, in the midst of death take a lively interest in molesting the villagers of Taiwaichuen.

There have been rumours for several days of a malicious mauling of two hapless inhabitants of the New Territories, but for some, perhaps inexplicable, reason, no information has reached official quarters, the police stations, for example. Policemen are, of course, notoriously matter of fact individuals, cynical and sceptical, both lacking in a sense of dramatic values, and having nothing of the picturesque, even of a stripey flavour, in their make-up. One can well conceive, while deploring, a sublime indifference among them to any attempt, however worthy, to resurrect Mr. Tiger, who, with sincere lamentations, was pronounced dead only a week or two ago.

For our part, we have already expressed our sympathy in the matter of the serious blow felt by intrepid adventurers along the hillpaths of the Territories by reason of the untimely demise of Kowloon's far-famed tiger. Thus does the spirit of venture die within the human (and/or hiker's) breast. Earnest attempts to restore that zest, that placid feeling of derring-do, should not be misunderstood, but given appropriate credit as a public service.

### U.S. Seamen's Strike

After nearly three months, seamen in San Francisco and other American ports are still discussing the "Rights of Man" and refusing to work.

What is perhaps most interesting in the strike is the vivid contrast between the old-time tar and the merchant seaman of to-day. Jack-Tar, last of the rugged individualists, appears now to be suffering from the growing pains of an awakening social consciousness.

In the days of canvas and howling passages around old Cape Stiff, the sailor's adage

# Egypt Loosens the Old Bonds

heat no longer stifles the great city into silence.

Cairo Cameo

THANKS to the Italian activities in Abyssinia, Egypt has at last won terms of political independence from Great Britain which would have been unthinkable only two years ago. Nearly every political fetter which up to now has made a mockery of its independence has been struck off in the new Anglo-Egyptian treaty.

In the new era which the treaty opens for Egypt its independence will be subject to only one political curb: Hereafter its alliance with Britain will constitute a part of its fundamental law, acting as a check on its foreign relations in times of peace and giving British military authorities the power of a senior ally in time of war. This may be described as independence on the Iraq model.

According to the treaty, the British Army is to evacuate Cairo and Alexandria and retire to the Suez Canal as soon as Egypt can build for it a new base near Ismailia. At the canal it is to remain for the purpose of defence "in co-operation with Egyptian forces." All British officers are in due time to leave the Egyptian Army and police. For military purposes Egypt agrees to use only British advisers, but on its own terms. For other purposes British advisers are to be "generally preferred."

John Bull & Cleopatra

On these terms the relations of John Bull and Cleopatra have been regularised, after fifty years, by an alliance with partial independence. According to the treaty the British flag is to be hoisted down from Cairo's great Citadel when the British soldiers leave, and the green flag of Egypt, with its white crescent and stars, is to be hoisted in its place.

So the crescent will return to the Citadel of Saladin and Mohammed Ali. At the same time the British garrisons are to march out of the ugly red and yellow barracks by the Kasr-el-Nil bridge out of the Abbasia barracks on the edge of the desert to the northeast of Cairo where Arabi himself surrendered to the British. Since that day the Cromers and Kitcheners have got Egypt out of pawn to its European bondholders and have made it immensely wealthy. Everything in the country has changed—everything except the clamour of the nationalists and the silence of the Sphinx.

The British forces landed in Egypt in 1882 to suppress the nationalism of Arabi's revolt. The fact that they neglected to leave when the revolt had been suppressed gave rise to a situation of considerable delicacy. They were

always going to leave, it appeared, but their courage always seemed to fail them as the actual moment of leave-taking approached. They put off the dread moment and stayed a little longer. They have stayed until now. Having gone to Egypt with the intention of staying a few weeks, they have remained for more than half a century. They have outstayed all their rivals. They have bought off the French, broken the Turkish connection and proclaimed an Egyptian Monroe Doctrine of their own. At last, the time for the long-postponed leave-taking has been fixed upon. Spurred on by the desirability of composing an

Anglo-Egyptian differences in the face of the new Italian rivalry in the Mediterranean, the British have made their terms with Arabi's successors.

### Not Abrupt

The farewells, if such they may be called, are not to be unduly abrupt. It has taken fourteen years to agree on the terms of Egypt's independence as embodied in the new treaty, and it will take eight years more to carry the whole of the treaty into effect. Barracks for 10,000 British troops and 400 air pilots have to be built near Ismailia on the canal. New strategic roads and railways have to be laid down to give the troops speedy access from the new base to any part of Egypt that may be threatened by attack from without. The Egyptian Army has to be restored to its old fighting strength, so that in time of "imminent menace of war or an apprehended international emergency" it will be useful under British advice.

Before the World War Britain had no trouble in bringing their future ally, the Egyptian soldier, back to the form he had on the battlefields of the Sudan. Since the war, their fear that he would "go political" has brought about a reversal in their attitude toward him. Under a British in-spector general, the Egyptian Army has been kept at a high

standard of drill and physical appearance but at the lowest possible standard of equipment. It totals only about 12,000 men. It has no tanks, mostly hired transport, only four batteries of field artillery, and last Winter it had only a few machine guns.

This, in fact, has been directly responsible for the new Anglo-Egyptian treaty. Whatever uneasiness the Italian crisis of last Autumn may have occasioned in Britain and Italy, it gave Egypt a worse fright than it had since the World War. The rate at which the British poured reinforcements into the country brought back alarming memories of 1914 and of the seven years of British martial law which ensued—an experience which Egypt has never wanted to repeat. Once this fright got hold of Egyptians, it was pretty certain that they would take a share in their own defence by building up their army into something more than the decorative force to which the British had restricted it. "After what's happened now, how are you going to stop them?" the British asked each other last Winter. And under all the circumstances nobody quite knew what the answer was. The answer now proves to be the new treaty, which authorises Egypt to modernise its army.

### On Three Sides

When the treaty is in full effect Britain will content themselves with enclosing Egypt on three sides—in the Mediterranean, on the canal and in the Sudan. Though Egypt will have a voice in regard to the last-named area, from their base at Ismailia, they will command a series of strategic roads and railways specially built to enable them to reach any part of Egypt at the slightest suspicion of an approaching attack from without. British ships will continue to carry Egyptian cotton to the Liverpool market and Egyptian loans will continue to be floated in London. Fascist Italy will continue to gaze at the great port of Alexandria—with its British naval and air base—from the Libyan frontier and at the rich lowlands of the Sudan from the mountains of Ethiopia.

Inasmuch as the treaty's military provisions will take time to be put into effect, John Bull still, for awhile, may enjoy the view of Cairo from the Citadel walls. This is best done at sunset, when the light is not too blinding to take the colour out of the flat roofs, the minarets and the palms, and the

There are a million people crowded beneath that wilderness of roof-tops, and at sunset their voices rise in a continuous murmur from which you can pick out the cries of women, the thumping of drums and shrill, quavering snatches of Arab song, mingling with the barking of dogs, the cracking of whips and the call of the kites wheeling in the cloudless sky. The gleaming gray Nile, studded with the palms and white palaces of its islands, sweeps through the centre of that incomparable view. Its whole course from Sakkara to the point of the delta lies below you as in a map. You can see the little fields of cultivated green which border it on its way through the yellow desert. Here and there a lateen sail, hovering motionless on the broad still river, catches the sunset light and glows with scarlet colour for a moment. Away off to the west, the mighty pyramids look their full height and distance. All over the city, domes and minarets catch the last rays in their fantastic tracery.

For Egypt the new treaty opens a new chapter in the fifty years of its uneasy relations with Britain. Egypt has gained much from its anomalous rulers during that period. The extravagance of the Khedive Ismail soared to its climax on that November day in 1869 when the Empress Eugenie of France, standing in the bows of her yacht, L'Aigle, was the first passenger to go through the newly completed Suez Canal. From that moment Ismail slid rapidly down into bankruptcy, and Egypt began to be taken over by an international administration representing the swarms of foreign concession-hunters who had found an easy mark in Ismail.

### Invisible Rule

It was on that dizzy descent that Arabi's revolt. The British Consul in Cairo thus became the only member of the consular corps with an army of occupation behind him. The result was that he took over the international administration alone. He and his successors pulled Egypt out of bankruptcy and oppression and made Cairo the Near Eastern military headquarters of Britain's empire, and the Heliopolis air-drome the junction of trunk air lines to the Cape and Australia.

It has all been done by the invisible rule of the British Consul in his white palace by the Nile in Cairo. Outwardly Egypt remained a Turkish province until war came in 1914. Then it became a British protectorate until after the war. The "veiled protectorate" became an unveiled protectorate. Then in 1922 it became an "independent" kingdom; but, pending agreement on the terms of its independence, British troops have continued to garrison Cairo and Alexandria.

The treaty provides for Egypt's entry into the League of Nations. But, of perhaps more practical importance, it promises Britain's concurrence in Egypt's desire to rid itself of the shackling capitulations or special rights to foreigners. Owing to the capitulations, the European quarter is a little labyrinth of States within a State, all of them ruled by their consuls rather than by the Egyptian Government.

### Egypt's Health

Egyptians say that the abolition of the fiscal capitulations and the taxation of foreigners on the same basis as Egyptians would mean an added revenue of \$20,000,000 a year. Part of this would be absorbed by the expanded Egyptian Army. More of it, Egyptians say, would be devoted to the social betterment for which the great Zaghul Pasha fought to the end of his life.

After a half century of British rule, Egypt still has one of the most illiterate populations and one of the highest death-rates in the world. About 180,000 Egyptians now become liable to military service annually. Of this number, only about 2,500 are actually accepted by the army—a significant indication of the "dis-education" in Egypt which has taken place beneath the wealthy surface of modern Egypt.

## "FRANCE-1937"

THE year 1937 will be an important one for France. The new year has begun with greater hopes and fewer misgivings and there is a sort of intuition that practically the last country besides England to possess a democratic regime is on the way out of its difficulties. There is a feeling of greater optimism that the tension in Europe will end by reasonable agreement and not trial by arms. Needless to say, satisfaction is general at the cordial relations and complete understanding between Great Britain and France.

The principal event for France will be the great Paris International Exhibition, to which fifty nations have responded. International politics have so obscured the scene in recent years that it is no exaggeration to say that na-

tions know less about each other's real activities than they did before wireless and modern methods of rapid information existed. For the first time, at the Exhibition, each of the great nations will be able to show what it has to contribute to the general welfare of mankind in the way of manufacture and invention and art. A new Germany, a new Russia, a new Italy, a revived Poland, not to mention many smaller new states, will for the first time be represented in terms other than manpower and guns. The Paris International Exhibition of 1937 will be a stock-taking of the world's progress since 1900.

Paris will become the rendezvous of the world. This is exemplified by one item alone: more than 400 congresses will be held in Paris during 1937. Scientific bodies throughout the world have agreed to hold their international congresses this year in Paris, a recognition of the place France holds in the intellectual life of the world. Not only will men of science hold their congresses in Paris, but architects and town-planners will meet and confer as to the towns of the future. Surgeons and physicians, chemists and biologists will gather together and discuss greater safety and the promise of longer, healthier lives. Railway men, representatives of air services, heads of shipping lines will discuss travel in all its aspects. Industry and art, music and the theatre, will meet in congress. This most important ex-

change of views will take place in France, and every Frenchman has the conviction that it is going to mean much for his country.

France, by this year's Exhibition, will be the hostess of the world. This implies obligations, and nothing will be spared to make the welcome worthy of the great occasion. It will also be an opportunity to show the world that Paris has lost none of its lustre; and that it is still the "gay city" and the city of light.

Paris every year has a regularly organised season of entertainment, extending from April to July. The city possesses a special Committee, the Commissariat des Fêtes de Paris, which co-ordinates all entertainments, and itself organises entertainment on a scale impossible for individual organisations to achieve. One of the most wonderful spectacles in the world, the Miracle Play of the Passion, with Notre Dame as a background, is played before 10,000 spectators at each performance. This spectacle will be given again in the coming year. The opening of the great International Exhibition will be heralded by a gigantic procession such as has not been seen since the magnificent symbolic processions of the days of the Revolution. In its desire this year to give its guests a welcome, Paris is reviving an ancient custom of kings. Once again a number of its fountains in Paris will flow with wine instead of water.



## U.S. PILGRIMS TO CONGRESS

Large Party In "Japan"  
This Morning

Under the leadership of Bishop Edward F. Hoban, 210 pilgrims to the Thirty-Third Eucharistic Congress arrived aboard the R.M.S. Empress of Japan this morning.

Some 150 will transfer to the Empress of Russia, visiting San Juan Island, en route to Manila, P.I.

Bishop Cassidy of Fall River, Mass.; Bishop Heelan of Sioux City, Iowa; Bishop Vear of Denver, Colorado; Bishop Stephen Alencastre of Honolulu; Rev. Father James M. Gillis, C.S.P. of New York; and 85 Monsignors and Priests from almost every part of the United States and Canada, are in the party.

During the voyage, the verandah cafe of the "Empress" was converted into a Chapel, with all the features and devotions to be found in any parish church. Daily Mass, lectures, Benediction and other services have prepared the travellers for the spectacular pageant in the Philippines.

## HONG KONG HOTEL BALL

St. John Ambulance Function

The St. John Ambulance annual ball, under the distinguished patronage of His Excellency the Governor, Sir Andrew Caldecott, C.M.G., C.B.E., Rt. G. St. J., and Lady Caldecott, will be held at the Hong Kong Hotel on February 12, the second day of the Chinese New Year.

Vice-Patrons are:—H.E. the G.O.C. Major General Batholomew, Rear Admiral C. G. Sedgewick, Hon. Mr. N. L. Smith, Brigadier General H. G. Seth Smith D.S.O., Colonel H. C. Harrison D.S.O., Colonel H. E. Blake, Lt. Colonel W. A. Frost, O.B.E., R.A.M.C., Surgeon Capt. G. D. C. Fergusson, Sir Atholl Macgregor, Wing Commander Bishop, Sir William Hornell, Sir Showson Chow, Hon. Mr. T. N. Chan, V. M. Grayburn Esq., A. Brearley Esq., S. Doddwell Esq., J. A. Mitchell Esq., Tang Shui Kiu Esq., M.B.E., O.St.J., Kwok Chan Esq., Fung Kong Un Esq., Li Jow Son Esq., Yip Kwong Hung Esq., Kwok Hing Wang Esq., Ip Lan Chuen Esq., Chan Man Chi Esq., O.St. J., Ip Kwai Chung S.B.St.J., Fung Ki Cheuk Esq.

There will be an English and Chinese Cabaret and several of the artists are new to the Hong Kong Public. The Cabaret includes Exhibition Dancing—English and Chinese, and humorous items. Tickets are \$5 (including dinner) and may be obtained from Hong Kong Hotel or St. John Ambulance Headquarters.

## GOVERNS WITH A STICK

A man who rules 1,500 natives in twenty-three islands with a stick, has arrived in England from the Cocos Islands—with his stick.

He is Mr. Sidney Clunies Ross, and he has come from the South Pacific on holiday.

The famous stick, of polished wood, is about 3ft. in length. It is a symbol of his authority, and he frequently uses it to assert his power over any of his "subjects" who prove unruly.

There are no police or prisons in the twenty-three islands over which Mr. Ross holds sway.

"I do not find it difficult to control them," Mr. Ross said. "Through my mother, who was a member of a Malayan tribe, I am their natural head—and the head of the tribe can do no wrong."

Mr. Ross, who is half Scot and half Malayan, was born in the Cocos Islands, where his family has lived for generations. In 1886 Queen Victoria granted the family a charter, which was in effect a lease for 999 years.

Copra is the islands' sole industry, and Mr. Ross is a copra trader.

Mr. Ross was met at the docks by his wife. He intends to spend a six months' holiday in England. His four children are at school in Exeter.

## REGENCY BILL NOW OUTLINED

PRINCESS ELIZABETH'S POSITION MADE QUITE CLEAR

## SECOND READING NEXT WEEK IN HOUSE

London, Jan. 28.

The text of the Regency Bill, the second reading of which will be moved by the Prime Minister in the House of Commons on Tuesday next, is issued.

The reasons for introduction of the Bill were indicated in a Royal message to both Houses of Parliament this week.

The Bill sets up machinery for the performance of royal functions by a Regent in the name and on behalf of the sovereign in certain circumstances and for the delegation of royal functions to Counsellors of State in certain other circumstances.

Next In Line

The Bill proposes that in the event of a Regency being necessary, the Regent will be the person next in line of succession to the Crown and not disqualified. A person shall be disqualified if he is not a British subject of full age and resident in the United Kingdom, or is a person who would, under Section Two of the Act of Settlement, be incapable of inheriting, possessing and enjoying the Crown.

Section Three of the Act of Settlement shall apply in case of the Regent as it applies in the case of the Sovereign. If any person who would at the commencement of the Regency have become Regent, but for the fact that he was not then of full age, becomes of full age, he shall, if he is not otherwise disqualified, thereupon become Regent. There will be a Regent, firstly, when the sovereign is under 18 at the time of his accession, and the Regent will perform all royal functions until the sovereign attains the age of 18, and, secondly, during any period when the sovereign has been declared to be suffering from infirmity of mind or body which renders him wholly incapable of performing royal functions.

Counsellors of State

If during the Regency the Regent himself becomes wholly incapacitated by infirmity of mind or body, the person next in line of succession to the Throne, who is not disqualified, will become Regent. The terms of the Bill dealing with the appointment of a Regent in the event of the sovereign's infirmity provide:—"If the following persons, or any three or more of them, namely, the wife or husband of the sovereign, the person who, excluding any persons disqualified, is next in line of succession, the Lord Chancellor, the Speaker of the House of Commons, the Lord Chief Justice of England, or the Master of the Rolls, declare in writing that they are satisfied, on the evidence of physicians or otherwise, that the sovereign is, by reason of infirmity of mind or body, wholly incapable for the time being of performing royal functions, then, until it is declared in like manner that His Majesty was so far recovered in health as to warrant the resumption of royal functions, those functions shall be performed in the name and on behalf of the sovereign by the Regent. The declaration under his section of the Bill shall be made to the Privy Council and communicated to the Government of His Majesty's Dominions and to the Government of India."

In Case Of Absence

The Bill further proposes that the sovereign, or, during the Regency, the Regent, may, in order to prevent delay or difficulty in the despatch of public business, by Letters Patent delegate to the Counsellors of State such of the royal functions as may be specified in the circumstances indicated, namely, firstly, the illness of the sovereign or Regent, not amounting to such infirmity of mind or body as renders him wholly incapable of performing royal functions, and secondly, the absence or intended absence of the sovereign or Regent from the United Kingdom. Such delegation of powers is to continue only for the period of the illness or absence.—British Wireless.

PRINCESS ELIZABETH

In reply to a question in the Commons as to whether legislation was contemplated to amend the Act of Settlement with a view to making it clear that Princess Elizabeth is the sole heir to the Throne and does not share it jointly with her sister, on the analogy of Peer-

age Law, Sir John Simon said there was no doubt that, in the present circumstances, Princess Elizabeth would succeed to the Throne as the sole heir.—British Wireless.

Both Mr. Bragg and Mr. D'Almada suitably replied.

Almost the entire Portuguese community attended a reception at the Club Lusitano yesterday given in honour of Mr. J. P. Bragg, retiring Portuguese representative on the Legislative Council, and the Hon. Mr. Leo D'Almada e Castro, his successor.

Dr. F. M. Graca Ozorio, President of the Club, made a speech eulogising the work done by Mr. Bragg for the community, and the qualities of Mr. D'Almada as their future representative.

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## Peace Prize For Roosevelt?

Havana, To-day.

The Cuban Cabinet yesterday approved a motion to nominate President Roosevelt and Senator Cuca, President of Cuba, as candidates for the 1937 Peace Prize, for their work at the recent Buenos Aires Peace Conference.—Reuter.

## "JOHN BUCHAN" TO VISIT WASHINGTON

Good Neighbour Call Being Returned

Ottawa, To-day.

It is learned here on good authority that the Governor-General, Lord Tweedsmuir, is planning a short visit to Washington after the Easter holidays.

The visit will be a return of President Roosevelt's "good neighbour" call to Quebec last summer, and Lord Tweedsmuir will be the first Canadian Governor-General to officially visit the President of the United States during his term of office.—Reuter.

## HITLER CABINET MEETING

Purely Formal

Berlin, To-day.

The meeting of the Reich Cabinet to be held this Saturday, on which day Herr Hitler will also make a broadcast address, has been called to celebrate the accession to power of the Nazi regime four years ago, and will be only of a formal character.

The formation of a Nazi Aviation Corps, comprising civil flying organisations all over Germany, may be announced.—Trans-Ocean.

## RE-ARMAMENT IN POLAND

Four-Year Scheme Is Approved

Warsaw, To-day.

A huge credit amounting to one milliard zloty, for expenditure on armaments, was voted by the Polish Parliament yesterday.

The amount is to be spread over four years, 250,000,000 zloty being spent each year.—Trans-Ocean.

## BERLIN BOURSE

Berlin, To-day.

The share market was in lively mood yesterday although the general investor was not much in evidence.

The renewed activity on the part of operators was explained by their anticipation that on Monday, after the announcement of the new Company Law, the public will be looking for sound investments to utilise money now lying idle.

As the Bourse will be closed on Saturday, settlement for stocks bought on Thursday does not become due till Monday.—Trans-Ocean.

## TRAFFIC CASES

\$40 Fine For Brakes Inefficiency

Before Mr. W. Schofield this morning, Mr. R. Marques pleaded guilty on behalf of Mrs. F. Feltham, who is ill, on a summons for driving car No. 405, on January 9 with inefficient brakes and with having no appropriate licence.

Fines of \$40 on the first charge and \$10 on the other were imposed.

Traffic-Sergeant Youe said Mrs. Feltham was driving in Des Voeux Road when, near the Cricket Club, she knocked down a Chinese. The man was taken to the Hospital in an unconscious condition and remained so for four or five hours. He was discharged three days later.

Miss M. A. Moir was fined \$5 for causing an obstruction by leaving her car unattended in Chester Road.

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## LOCAL HEADMASTER ON EXAMINATIONS

H.E. THE GOVERNOR AT KING'S COLLEGE PRIZE-GIVING

## PARENTAL EDUCATION

"Examinations and examination results are not our be-all and end-all. Most educational authorities now admit that examinations are by no means an infallible test of a pupil's ability. That being so it seems to me all wrong that a boy's whole future should depend (as so often it does) on how he happens to perform in one particular examination. More account should be taken of the lad's school record, his character, his capability for leadership and such like," said Mr. W. Kay, headmaster, in presenting his report at the annual prizegiving of King's College this morning.

In the course of his speech, he added,

"Hitherto the Secondary School has been regarded as an avenue to the University and the professions, and pupils who did not shape well in these directions were frequently written down as failures. But very few of our senior boys enter the University—10 to 15 per cent; yet this small percentage has, more or less, called the tune of the curriculum."

New Curriculum

Now we are hoping to change this. The new School Certificate Examination, run by the Education Office and to be held for the first time this year, will not qualify for matriculation. A winner of this certificate wishing to enter the University will have to continue his studies at school for at least another year. This, we hope, will enable the schools to devote themselves to their proper task which, in my opinion, is to provide a training ground for citizenship and a preparation for life. To do this we want a less specialised and more comprehensive curriculum. Subject need to be rethought and re-valued and the examination fetters considerably loosened. But I must here warn my business friends, so pungent in their criticism of the old system, not to expect us to provide ready-made clerks, accountants, salesmen etc. That is not our job. Moreover it is impossible to frame a curriculum to suit all intellects and all occupations.

Citizenship Training

"Manners Maketh Man" is the proud motto of one of England's oldest and greatest schools. It is also a truth whose importance is recognised in many of our newest schools. As I said before, a Secondary School should be a training ground for citizenship, and a preparation for life, and if we hope to make King's College such our aim should be to implant a sense of the value of disciplined effort, an instinct for co-operation, moral integrity, sound physique and a respect for real knowledge."

Governor's Speech

Before presenting the prizes and certificates, His Excellency the Governor said:—

"I have listened to your Headmaster's report with great interest: it contained many points for congratulation but two for sympathy. The first of these was the number of changes among the masters and the second was the frequency of mid-term absence among the boys. As regards the first I can assure you that it is the policy of the Colonial Government to avoid all avoidable changes of personnel. How often they become unavoidable I learned from a bitter experience of staffing problems in the Malay Peninsula; what with retirements, casualties, furloughs, conferences and what not it is the most difficult puzzle I know how to keep the pieces stationary on the chess-board. I am afraid therefore that I can only state the principle of permitting as few changes of personnel as possible and condole with you that, in spite of it, you have suffered so many of them."

Now on the second point, the frequency of mid-term absences among the boys I am going to suggest what may appear a paradox: that it is the business of the sons to educate the parents in this matter. The famous headmaster of my old school, Edward Thring, once found himself up against the evil, not of mid-term absences for Uppingham had no day-boys, but of belated returns from the holiday of boys whose parents detained them on pleas of business, or weddings, or funerals and so on. Thring settled this problem by taking the cane and giving a dozen of it.

Geneva, To-day.

Vice-Admiral de Graaf, former commander-in-chief of the Netherlands Navy, has refused the invitation of the League Council to become High Commissioner for Danzig in succession to Mr. Sean Lester, says Reuter.

A Trans-Ocean message from Amsterdam states that according to an official announcement, the Netherlands Government had placed no difficulties in the Admiral's way.

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## LOCAL NEWS BREVITIES

H.E. the Governor, Sir Andrew Caldecott, inspected the Sailors' and Soldiers' Home yesterday morning.

A cable addressed Muller Kow-lon hotel from Singapore is lying at the Eastern Extension offices.

The s.s. "Tilawa" left Singapore for this Port on the 28th instant and is due here on Wednesday morning next.

A dance will be held by the Kowloon Cricket Club on Chinese New Year, Thursday, February 11. Tickets can be obtained on application to the Hon. Secretary.

A verdict of death by misadventure was returned yesterday at the inquest on Mrs. Gertrude Ella Anderson, who was killed in a car crash at Tsun Wan on Christmas Day.

The Royal Army Medical Corps Association dance will be held in the Hotel Cecil at 8.30 p.m. on Saturday, when music will be supplied by the Royal Welch Fusiliers band.

Yu Ki, the 14-year-old boy who was the fourth victim of the depressing accident at the junction of Queen's Road West and Pokfulam Road yesterday, died last night at 7 p.m. His grandfather and two cousins were also killed.

Among passengers who arrived by the R.M.S. "Empress of Japan" were Mr. John MacKnight, of the British American Tobacco Company Ltd. Hong Kong, and his wife. They are returning after leave in Scotland.

Members of the Young People's Society of the Union Church, Kowloon, were the guests of honour at a social gathering given by St. Andrew's Club in the St. Andrew's Hall last night. Games and dancing formed the principal features of the entertainment, which was enjoyed by all who attended.

Mr. Lau Kwin-yun, the Chairman of the Overseas Chinese Fine Art Association, recently accepted the invitation of the Y.M.C.A., Canton, to make a charitable exhibition of his work for the relief of Suiyuan. He sent to Canton all his work including Chinese and European paintings, amounting to more than two hundred pieces. It has been arranged for the exhibition to be held at the Bund, the Y.M.C.A., Canton, from January 28 to February 1.

## FORTHCOMING WEDDING

The forthcoming wedding of Mr. Augustus Victor White, an exchange broker of No. 45, Kiang Road, Shanghai, and Miss Louise Brand, who is en route to the Colony by the s.s. Gneissman, has been announced.

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### LONDON CREDIT DISCUSSIONS

Paris, To-day.  
Mystery continues to surround the negotiations now taking place between the French Government and leading British bankers in London for a loan to help France meet her budget difficulties.

The proposed loan is reliably stated to be in the region of £50,000,000, though rumour has placed it as high as £200,000,000.

The correspondent in London of the "Petit Parisien," a paper which maintains close touch with the Quai d'Orsay, reported last night that he learned from official quarters that the negotiations had at last reached a definite conclusion.

The paper states that although details of the loan will not be made known till later, the amount granted to the French Government is higher than the earlier conservative estimates.

#### SHORT-TERM LOAN

On the other hand, the "Figaro" states that £50,000,000 was the sum decided upon, the loan to be a short-term one payable before the end of this year, says Trans-Ocean.

Reuter adds that the loan, which is stated to be one of £50,000,000, is expected in well-informed circles in London to be finalised this evening.

#### BANK RATE RAISED

Paris, To-day.  
The Bank of France yesterday decided to raise the bank rate from two to four per cent, which is a logical sequel to the statement by M. Vincent Auriol yesterday that the Government would defend the franc against speculative attacks.

It is an orthodox measure of defence against the recent heavy selling of francs, which was due to the belief that the Government might devalue the franc to the lowest permissible limit, corresponding to 112 francs to the Pound.

#### STATUTE LIMITATIONS

Further relief for the French Treasury is immediately expected in the shape of the British credit of £50,000,000.

The French Treasury, however, is by statute only entitled to borrow a further 2½ milliard francs, and therefore it remains to be seen whether the rise in the bank rate will succeed in allaying the fears concerning the fate of the franc—Reuter.

#### INTEREST RATE

Paris, To-day.  
Simultaneously with the raising of the bank rate, the interest rate on advances on securities has also been raised to five per cent, and on thirty-day credits from two to four per cent—Trans-Ocean.

### TWO WOMEN KNOCKED DOWN

#### Castle Peak Road Accident

Two Chinese women were involved in a motor-car accident early this morning, when they were knocked down by private car No. 4045 in Castle Peak Road. One of the women was admitted to the Kowloon Hospital, but her injuries are not of a serious nature. The other was slightly hurt.

According to the driver, he was driving towards Lai Chi Kok. As he was about to pass a bus, which had stopped on the road, the two



Fred MacMurray and Gladys Swarthout in "Champagne Waltz" showing on Saturday at the Queen's and Alhambra Theatres.

### PEASANTRY RESTIVE IN SPAIN

#### VILLAGE DEFENCE ORGANISATIONS

#### TERRIFIC RAIN ON BATTLE FRONT

Prais, To-day.  
Unrest among the peasants in the districts of Southern Spain controlled by the Madrid Government has begun to assume alarming proportions during the past few days, according to Rightist press reports.

The peasants are said to have formed "peasants' defence organisations" in the villages around Madrid and Alicante.

Correspondents in Spain of the newspaper "Le Jour" report that clashes between peasants' organisations and the Government militia have taken place.

#### TORRENTIAL RAIN

While torrential rain on the Madrid front is holding up military operations, considerable activity on the part of the rebels is reported from the southern front, where they have captured two towns.

A message from Barcelona states that buildings in the city are being reconducted for reception of the Valencia Government, which is expected to arrive in Barcelona shortly. The same source states there is a serious shortage of bread in the town.

A similar shortage exists in Catalan, where long bread queues are formed in the early hours of the morning—Trans-Ocean.

### IMPERIAL AIR DEFENCE

#### Sir H. Page-Croft's Estimate Of Need

London, To-day.  
The Empire's position in time of war was again referred to yesterday when Brigadier-General Sir Henry Page-Croft, Conservative member for Bournemouth, stressed the necessity of strengthening Britain's defences, in a public address.

Sir Henry stated that creation of an air force capable of successfully defending the Dominions against hostile attack, was just as important as the maintenance of a home air force equal in strength to the strongest potential enemy.

He estimated that to guarantee the safety of Canada, Australia and India, an air force of 1,000 planes for each country would be required, and for the defence of the various Crown Colonies, from five to ten squadrons for each—Trans-Ocean.

women who had apparently alighted from the bus, walked into the middle of the road, allowing him very little time to pull up.

### DERAILMENT ON K.C.R.

LINE AIL CLEAR THIS MORNING

MINOR MISHAP

The K.C.R. line was all clear this morning, after all-night work at Tong Tau Ha, in Chinese territory, where the 12.45 p.m. up fast train met with a mishap yesterday afternoon.

It was this self-same train that was involved in the recent fire disaster. Yesterday, the engine and a third-class coach were derailed, but fortunately remained upright.

At the time speed had been slowed down to about 15 miles, and to this circumstance was due its escape from a serious disaster. None of the passengers were injured, but a ticket collector, named Li, appears to have received minor hurts by falling out of the coach.

The mishap occurred just before the train was due to pass Tong Tau Ha at 2 minutes past 2 p.m. Four miles further up the line, at the halfway station of Cheung Muk Tau, it was also due to pass the down train from Canton, which was unable to proceed because of the obstruction.

An exchange of passengers was effected, the Canton passengers transferring to the nine unaffected coaches, which were then pulled back to Kowloon by an emergency engine sent up from Shum-chun. They reached Kowloon at 6.30 p.m., two hours after their scheduled arrival.

Cause of the derailment is not yet known.

#### EXPRESS LATE

This morning, the "Fei" express from Canton arrived at the Kowloon Station some 30 minutes behind schedule.

Owing to the damage to the track at the point where yesterday's accident occurred, the express was forced to travel at slow speed near that part of the line.

### WITHDRAWAL OF VOLUNTEERS

#### Sir Eric Phipps Says Britain Is Ready

Berlin, To-day.

The favourable reaction of Downing Street to the Reich Government's reply to the British Note on foreign volunteers in Spain, has caused much satisfaction in German political quarters.

It is stated that the British Government, now as at the beginning of the dispute, show full appreciation of the German point of view.

The interest of the British Government in the question of foreign volunteers already in Spain leads to the hope that negotiations regarding other forms of indirect intervention, mentioned in the German Note, can be started and a decision taken in the near future.

The announcement by the British Ambassador, Sir Eric Phipps, that Britain is willing to enter into discussions on the withdrawal of foreign volunteers has therefore been received with special satisfaction—Trans-Ocean.

#### EGYPT AND SOVIET

Cairo, To-day.

Press reports stating that diplomatic relations will soon be established by Egypt with the Soviet Union, are officially denied—Trans-Ocean.

## ST. GEORGE'S BALL TO-NIGHT

### BRILLIANT AFFAIR ENSURED AT PENINSULA HOTEL

All is now set for St. George's Ball, the principal social event of the New Year. Preparations have been completed to the last detail and it only remains for the six hundred guests to appear this evening at the Peninsula Hotel, which gaily decorated in traditional manner, will to-night be glittering with life and colour.

Prominent among the decorations will be the illuminated portrait of St. George, at the end of the Rose Room, artistically displayed coats-of-arms and pictures of England, while in addition, the front of the Hotel will be flood-lit.

A feature of the Ball in previous years has been the "set" dances and this evening will be no exception, although the Roger de Coverly will take the place of the State Lancers.

THE COMMITTEES  
No effort has been spared to make an outstanding success of the function, the following committees having worked tirelessly in their respective capacities:

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Prior to the ball, the usual President's dinner party will be held, which will be attended by the following:

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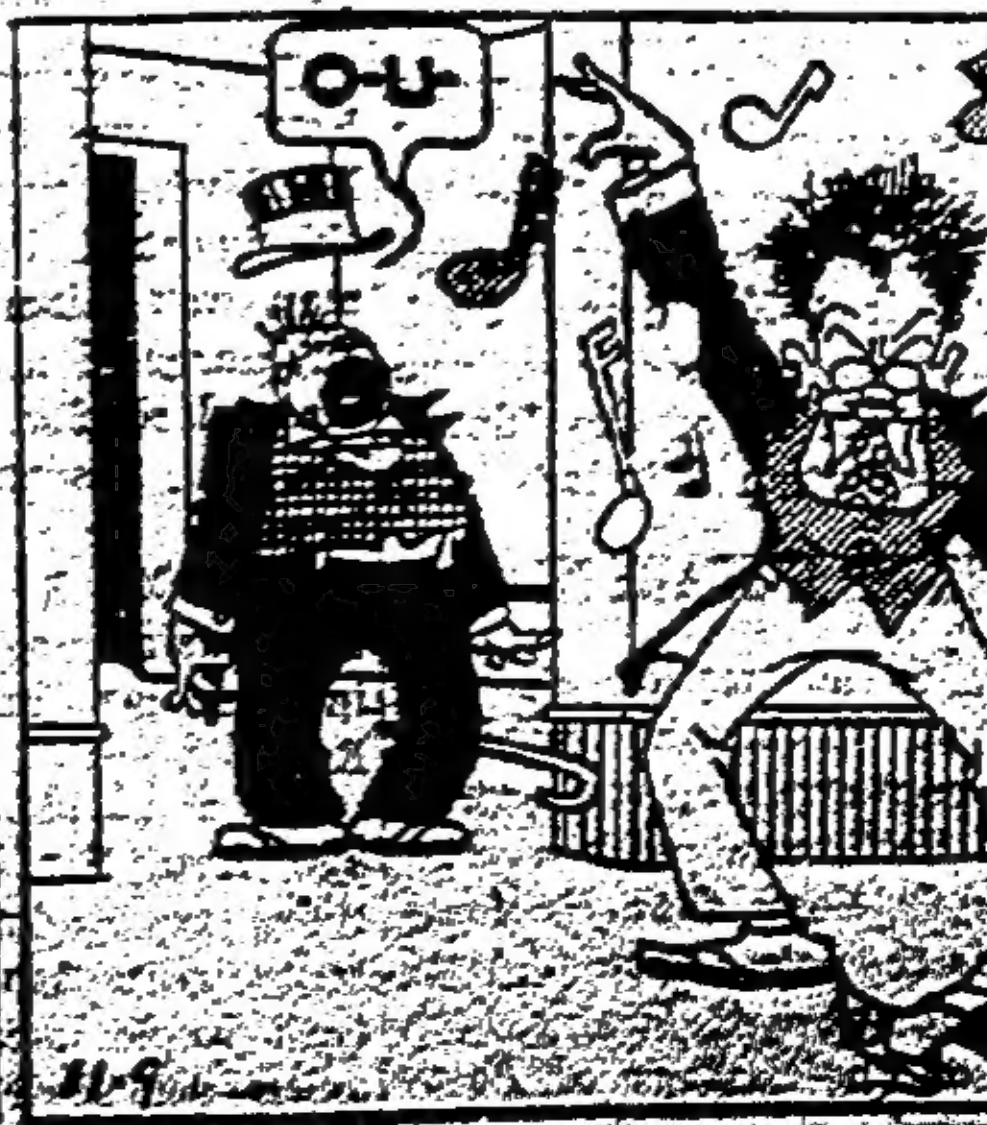
### JAPANESE PATROL HONGKONG

#### Precautions On "War Anniversary"

Shanghai, To-day.  
On the anniversary of the outbreak of Sino-Japanese hostilities here in 1937, special precautions were taken by the Japanese Naval Landing Party.

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By George McManus







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Emp. of Japan ..... Jan.

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Emp. of Japan ..... Jan.

Bangalore ..... 29

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**F. H. CRAPNELL,**

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### TO-DAY'S PROGRAMME

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**LONDON—THE FOURTH CRICKET TEST MATCH "THIS IS ENGLAND"**

**H.K.T.**  
12.30-2.15—European Programme.  
12.30—Dance Music.

1.—Local: Time Signal and Weather Report.  
1.03—Light Opera and Musical Comedy.  
1.30—Renter Press, Rugby Press; Local: Weather, Forecast, Time and Announcements.  
1.40—Stark Weber and His Orchestra.

2.15—Close Down.  
4-7 p.m.—Chinese Programme.  
7-11 p.m.—European Programme.  
7 p.m.—La Valse (Bartel), played by the Orchestre du Conservatoire, Paris. Conducted by Philippe Gaubert.  
7.17—Three Light Arias by Enrico Caruso (Tenor).

1. "Rigoletto" (Verdi)—Woman is fickle.  
2. "I Pagliacci" (Leoncavallo)—On with the Madley.  
3. "Tosca" (Puccini)—Strange Harmony.

7.30—Closing Local Stock Quotations and Hong Kong Exchange Market Report.  
7.35—Nat Gonella and His Georgians.  
Fox-Trot—  
The man from the South.  
Mama don't allow it.  
Wee is me.  
Oh Max Mose.  
I'm gonna clap my hands.  
The Sheik of Araby.  
Capri Caprice.

Quickstep—  
How'm I doin'?  
8 p.m.—Local: Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.  
8.03—Leslie Jeffries and His Orchestra.

The Frolicsome Hare (H. Ashworth Hope) of the icicles (Keane and Russell).  
Springtime Serenade (Jonny Heykens).  
The Balkan Princess—Valse (Paul A. Rubens).

8.15—London—"This is England." Talks by representative English people: (4) G. C. Drake, Dean's Verger of Westminster Abbey. Introduced by Anthony Weymouth. (Electrical Recording).  
8.30—London—The B.B.C. Dance Orchestra, directed by Henry Hall.  
8.55—London—New and Announcements.

9.15 p.m.—London—The Fourth Cricket Test Match: Australia v. England. An account of the opening day's play by Alan Eppes. From Adelaide. (Electrical Recording).

9.25—London—Polkas and Valses (Recorded).  
9.45—A Concert.  
Soprano Solos—  
Serenade (Mozzkowsky).  
The Maidens of Cadiz (Delibes).  
Milita Korjus.

Violin Solo—  
La Capricieuse (Elgar), Op. 17.  
Romance (Hoberman).  
10 p.m.—London—Big Ben.  
A Concert (continued).  
Bass-Baritone Solos—  
A Sea Call (Ramon).  
Life and Death (Coleridge-Taylor).  
Peter Dawson.

Pianoforte Duet—  
Waltz from Suite for Two Pianos (Arensky).  
Vronsky & Babin.

Contralto Solo—  
Gentle Zephyrs (Jensen).  
Eddie Ackland.

Violoncello Solos—  
Chanson Villageoise (David Popper).  
Après un reve (Gabriel Faure).  
Pablo Casals.

Tenor Solos—  
Water Lilies (Dobrinck-Zander).  
Only for you—Waltz Song (Docelle-Arnberg).  
Herbert E. Groh.

Cymbalum Solo—  
Waltz No. 1 in E flat (Durand).  
Ede Racz.

10.30—Music by Light Orchestra.  
Gipsy Love—Overture (Frans Lehar).  
Vivat Hongaria (Kalmay).  
Tramerei (Schumann, arr. Walter).  
William Tell—Andante (Pastorale).  
(Rossini, arr. Walter).  
Sleeping Beauty's Bridal Procession (Max Elode).

In a Clock Store (Chas. J. Orth).  
O Cara Mia (Brodzki, arr. Payer).  
Pucha Digo (Pezenti).  
Serenade (Toselli).  
11 p.m.—Close Down.

**ARLENE BANCROFT IN**  
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Appearing at the Roof Garden, Hong Kong Hotel, to-morrow night, is the well-known American acrobatic dancer, Arlene Bancroft. Patrons are assured of a good night's entertainment as Miss Bancroft is one of the best exponents of acrobatic dancing. Of a charming personality, her numbers are a perfect combination of dancing and daring acrobatics which are both thrilling and pleasing.

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### BRIDGE NOTES

By ELY CULBERTSON

## Responding To A Take-Out Double

When your partner has made a take-out double, no matter how weak your hand may be, you must show him your best suit. By your best suit is meant your longest suit. Every hand contains at least one suit of four cards or more. This is the suit in which you should take the double out.

Holding two suits of four cards or more, you should prefer a major suit if you have one. Even with a four card major and a five card minor you should respond in the major suit unless the minor suit is headed by one-half an honour trick or more, and the major suit consists of four low cards. But a six card minor is preferred to a four card major.

With a stopper in the opponents' suit, at least one honour trick in the hand, and no major suit take-out, one no trump may be bid.

At times you will find that your only four card or longer suit is the suit which your opponents have bid. In such cases, it becomes necessary for you to take out the double in a three card suit, and the suit preferred is the lowest ranking three card suit in your hand.

### Unjust Criticism

"Dear Mr. Culbertson: "In a recent game I sat West, playing with a partner who usually is a conservative player; in fact, all four players usually play a conservative game. In making the five club bid I receive a great deal of criticism from both North and South, which criticism later was joined by that of my own partner. Their criticism was that I decidedly overbid my hand; that under the Culbertson system such a bid never should have been made.

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North, dealer.  
North-South vulnerable; East-West not vulnerable; 90 on score:

**NORTH**  
S A Q 9 8  
H K J 9 7 6 5  
D A  
C 4 3

**WEST**  
S None  
H Q 3  
D Q J 10 9 8 7  
C Q J 10 9 6

**EAST**  
S J 5 4 3 2  
H 2  
D K 6 5  
C A K 5 2

**SOUTH**  
S K 10 7 6  
H A 10 8 4  
D 4 3 2  
C 8 7

The bidding:  
North—East—South—West  
1 heart—2 clubs—2 hearts—5 clubs

Double—Pass—Pass—Pass

It is easy to understand why North should have been so critical of the five club bid. The answer is "defence mechanism." His own penalty double having been the wrong bid and having quite justly "gone sour," it was only natural

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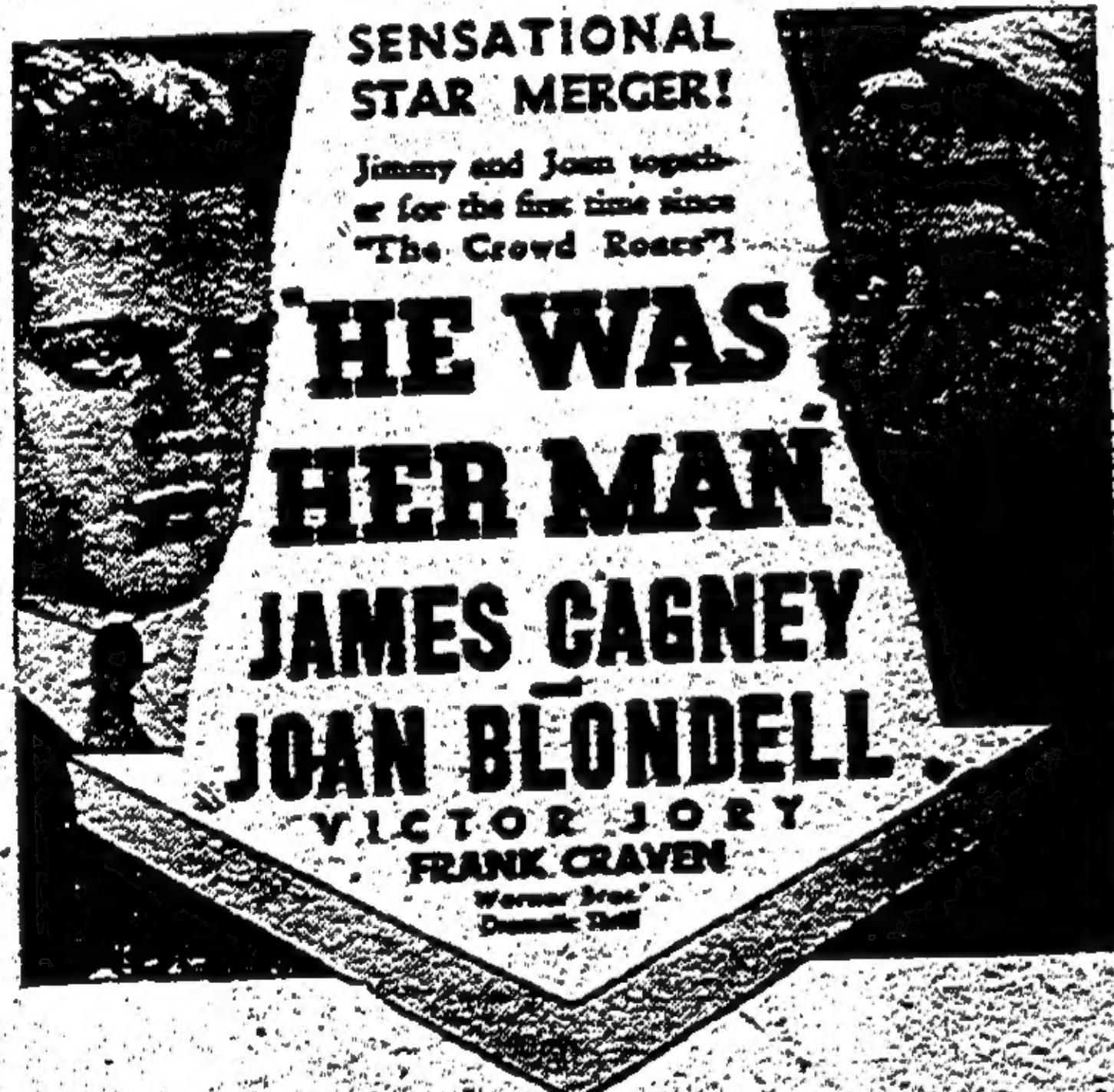
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**BITTER SOVIET FEUD AGAINST TROTSKY**

THE SOVIET CAMPAIGN AGAINST LEON TROTSKY AND HIS PARTY HAS TAKEN A NEW TURN WITH A "ROUND-UP" OF ALL HIS RELATIVES. ON WEDNESDAY HIS SON, A FACTORY WORKER, WAS ARRESTED, AND NOW THE RUSSIAN SECRET POLICE HAVE TAKEN INTO CUSTODY HIS REMAINING RELATIVES IN THE SOVIET, INCLUDING HIS DAUGHTER AND SISTER.

The two women, learns the Polish Telegraph Agency, are accused with having headed a secret organisation aiming at the overthrow of Stalin.

Trotsky's daughter, who lived in Siberia, is also charged with instigating miners there to sabotage. His sister was married to Kameneff, who was sentenced to death and shot in the first Trotskyist trial.

Meanwhile the court in the present trial heard further evidence including that of Karl Radek, who admitted to having close relations with the representatives of a foreign country.

Radek declared that in 1935 he received an unexpected visit from the diplomatic representative of a Central European nation. Vital questions were discussed at the meeting, which included Bucharin, who was staying at Radek's country house at the time.

At a diplomatic reception in the same year, the military representative of the same nation complained to Radek of the complete change in the relations of the two countries.

Further acts of sabotage, concerning railways and chemical factories, were then confessed by other of the accused.

**DUFF COOPER SPEECH**

**FRENCH ARMY ADEQUATE**

But Modernisation Proposed

Paris, To-day. Increased mechanisation of the French Army and the construction of highways to every strategic part of the country, was urged by the Republican Deputy and former Senator, M. Beaunette, during a discussion on national defence in the Chamber yesterday.

In supporting the suggestion, M. Louis de Chappedelaine (Left Radical) went on to review the comparative degree of armaments in various European States.

M. de Chappedelaine stated that the Soviet was the strongest military power in Europe but also devoted considerable attention to the developments in the German rearmament programme.

In response to a question, the War Minister gave assurances that the French Army was adequate to withstand and repulse any sudden attack.—Trans-Ocean.

**MISSING LINK HUNTERS ARRIVE IN COLONY**

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parison with these animals in captivity.

**TO BORNEO IN MAY**

Siam will be the first objective of the expedition. In May, the party expects to proceed to British North Borneo, an area where the scientists believe they will find the key position in reference to the origin and affinities of primates.

Dr. Coolidge is curator of mammals at the Harvard Museum of Comparative Zoology and has made many comparative studies of anthropoid apes; Dr. Adolf Schultz is Professor of Physical Anthropology at John Hopkins; Dr. Carpenter is lecturer in psychology at Bard College, and has made studies of the social life of monkeys in America. Others are experts in their line and John T. Coolidge, Jr. is travelling as artist and photographer.

It is understood that the principal members of the expedition are dining with Sir William Hornell this evening.

**SHENSI PEACE APPARENTLY SECURE**

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Yang Hu-chen, the Pacification Commissioner of Shensi.

It is learned that the Government has offered the former troops of Chang Hsueh-liang, the "Young Marshal," two alternatives, to garrison posts either in Kanau or in the territory on the Honan-Kuhwei border.

In the event of the latter being chosen General Yang Hu-chen's men would be transferred to Kanau instead of to northern Shensi. It is understood, however, that the majority of Marshal Chang's former commanders favour the first named plan, as was previously indicated.—Reuter.

**LANCHOW QUIET**

Missionary Fears Relieved

Shanghai, To-day.

Missionary and other circles in Shanghai have been greatly reassured as to the safety of foreign nationals remaining in Lanchow, Kansu, by the first direct information received here from that city through foreign channels for many weeks.

The news was brought by Mr. R. Walter, technical manager of the Eurasia Aviation Corporation, on his return to Shanghai this morning after the first trip to the Kansu capital since the Eurasia service was interrupted by the outbreak of the Shensi revolt on December 12.

Mr. Walter added that, contrary to earlier reports, the foreigners in Lanchow had no desire to evacuate the town.—Reuter.

**DANZIG SETTLEMENT**

Berlin, To-day.

The smooth and rapid manner in which the League Council arrived at a settlement of the Danzig problem, is the subject of favourable comment in the "Berliner Tageblatt."

Much of the credit, however, states the paper, should go to the preliminary discussions between Berlin and Warsaw which did much to remove difficulties.—Trans-Ocean.

**CABINET CRISIS NOT YET OVER**

NEW MINISTER APPOINTED

SPLIT IN LABOUR RANKS

Brussels, To-day.

The appointment of M. Arthur Wauters, managing director of the Labour newspaper "Le Peuple" to succeed M. E. Vandervelde as Minister of Public Health, has by no means settled the Cabinet crisis which has alarmed the whole country for several days past.

M. Vandervelde, who had disagreed strongly with his colleagues in the Socialist Party, called on the Prime Minister, M. Paul Van Zeeland, and handed in his resignation.

The Premier, who had just had an audience with the King, then appointed M. Wauters, who is well-known as an economic expert, to succeed him.

Although M. Wauters has accepted the post and the Cabinet crisis, on the surface, has been settled, some quarters think that the difficulties of the last few days are by no means over.

The Socialist Party, it is reported, though approving the appointment of M. Wauters to the Cabinet, is still suffering from a split in its ranks, and political circles hint that the present Government, a coalition between Liberals, Catholics and Socialists, is faced with a precarious existence.—Trans-Ocean.

**NEW MINISTER**

Brussels, To-day.

M. Arthur Wauters, managing director of the Labour newspaper "Le Peuple," has been appointed Minister of Public Health in succession to M. Vandervelde, whose resignation nearly caused the resignation of the Cabinet.

M. Wauters is one of the foremost Belgian authorities on economics and was once Professor of Economics at Brussels University.—Reuter.

**U.S. ISOLATION POLICY**

NEW NEUTRALITY ACT PLANNED

Washington, To-day.

American anxiety to keep out of European affairs was shown yesterday when the Secretary of State, Mr. Cordell Hull, announced the immediate preparation of a new permanent Neutrality Act.

It is understood that the State Department favours legislation giving the President wider discretion for laying an embargo on the export of arms.

Mr. Hull's announcement followed discussions between the Secretary of State, the Chief Executive and America's "Ambassador at large," Mr. Norman Davis, in regard to neutrality.

The Secretary of State indicated that he will hold a series of conferences on the question with interested members of Congress.—Reuter.

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